

## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 1

Meeting Date: April 25, 2006

Meeting Location: Lake County Juvenile Justice Center

3000 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Crown Point Indiana 46307

**Council Members Present**: Richard Ban, Jane Bisbee, Melanie Cox, Alfred Fisher, Cynthia Kambesis, Jeffrey Miller, Henry Mosley, Dianne Weiss-Bradley, Lynda Wheeler

**Council Members Absent**: Mary Beth Bonaventura, Glenn Commons, Rita Daniels, Deborah Harris, Charlotte Peller, Elizabeth Tegarden

## **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

The March minutes were approved as corrected by the council members.

Community Partners for Child Safety projects were discussed. Region 1 proposals received were from the Villages and Dunebrook. These projects will be long term and monies from DCS will be seed money to get them up and running. Partnering with other agencies and neighborhood support will be needed. Housing authority may have space for partnering. Success will be measured through those served who do not enter the DCS doors.

To help decide where these programs should be located and where monies can be better served, the council reviewed a Department of Child Services report of child abuse and neglect by zip codes in Lake County. Questions about narrowing it down, mapping it by neighborhoods were discussed. Also even though Lake Station, Hobart, and New Chicago do not have the largest number of child abuse and neglect, they could be considered when determining where prevention programming will be concentrated.

Also a discussion regarding needing standardized data and Healthy Family data being non-identifying was held.

We will move forward with input, meeting in 2 months with the Community Partners for Child Safety with a design project.

Next month's meeting agenda will discuss teenagers and the increase in drugs and alcohol plus how to develop Independent Living services, post high school education opportunities and access to those opportunities.

Melanie Cox made a motion for meeting to be adjourned and the council members approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.